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BOROUGH OF IDELSTON.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL MEDICAL OFFICER

FOR YEAR 1917.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit the Annual Report for 1917, on the Medical Inspection and Treatment of School Children.

The total number of routine medical inspections done during the year.	1526
Examined at Inspection Clinics.	2589
Total.	4115

Table 1.

NUMBER OF CHILDREN INSPECTED 1st JANUARY TO 31st DECEMBER 1917.

<u>Entrants.</u>						
Age.	3.	4.	5.	6.	Other ages.	Total.
Boys.	2	90	118	32	3	245.
Girls.	1	56	132	43	8	240
Totals.	3	146	250	75	11	485
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<u>Intermediate Group.</u>				<u>Leavers.</u>		<u>Total.</u>
Age.	8.			12.	13.	
Boys.	288			233	9	530
Girls.	202			239	9	450
Totals.	490			472	18	980
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<u>Intermediate Group.</u> <u>(Other than 8 years)</u>				<u>No. of children</u> <u>re-examined.</u>		
Boys.	30			27		
Girls.	31			23		
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61				50		
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Table 11.

## RETURN OF DEFECTS FOUND IN THE COURSE OF MEDICAL INSPECTION.

Defect or Disease.	Number referred for treatment.	Number requiring to be kept under observation, but not referred for treatment.
Skin. (Uncleanliness of head,	1	-
(Ringworm of head.	9	-
Skin. (Scabies.	18	-
(Impetigo.	1	-
(Other Disease.	1	-
Eye. (Defective vision and squint.	87	-
(External Eye Disease.	12	-
Ear. (Defective hearing.	-	1
(Ear Disease.	5	-
Teeth. (Carious teeth.	4	-
(Oral Sepsis.	8	-
Nose (Enlarged Tonsils.	51	6
and (Adenoids.	"	-
Throat (Enlarged Tonsils and		
(Adenoids.	1	-
(Pulmonary Tuberculosis:		
Lungs. (Pre Tubercular	-	3
(Suspected.	3	3
(Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis:		
(Glands.	1	-
(Deformities.	3	1
(Other Defects or Diseases.	5	-



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Table IV.- Treatment of Defects of children during 1917.

CONDITION.	No. of defects found for which treatment was considered necessary.	No. of defects for which no report is available.	No. of defects treated.	Results of Treatment.		No. of defects not treated.	Percentage of defects treated.
				Improved.	Unchanged.		
	from previous year.	New.	Total.				
Cleanliness of head.	-	1	1	1	-	-	100.0
Nose and Throat.	97	63	160	30	16	103	26.0
External Eye Disease.	-	12	12	9	2	-	100.0
Ear Disease.	-	5	5	2	2	1	60.0
Teeth.	-	12	12	4	-	8	33.3
Lungs.	-	3	3	-	3	-	100.0
Skin.	-	29	29	26	3	-	100.0
Deformities.	-	3	3	-	-	2	33.3
Tuberculosis, - non-pulmonary.	-	1	1	-	-	-	100.0
Visi on and Squint.	8	87	95	35	4	56	41.05
Miscellaneous.	1	1	2	1	1	1	50.0
Total.	106	217	323	106	31	171	43.6

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Table V.- INSPECTION, TREATMENT &C. OF CHILDREN  
DURING 1917.  
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(1)	The total number of children medically inspected (whether Code Group, special or sailing children)	1526
(2)	The number of children in (1) suffering from defects (other than uncleanness or defective clothing or foot, ear) who require to be kept under observation (but not referred for treatment)	14
(3)	The number of children in (1) who were referred for treatment (excluding uncleanness, defective clothing etc.)	216
(4)	The number of children in (3) who received treatment for one or more defects (excluding uncleanness, defective clothing etc.)	68

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EYE CLINIC.

Cases treated.	224
Refraction cases.	129
Other Ophthalmic Disease.	45
Glasses ordered.	117
Glasses obtained.	99
Left School and Refused treatment.	24
Examined by Dr.- glasses unnecessary.	29
Cases examined - but still under treatment.	11
Total attendances.	637
Glasses provided by Committee.	9

The above figures refer to all cases treated at Clinic.  
Table IV refers to Medical Inspection Bases only.

The Ophthalmic Clinic has been held Thursday afternoons;  
also alternate Saturday mornings, under the supervision of Mr  
E. Collier Green.

Inspection Clinics have been held during the past year,  
every Tuesday and Friday morning. In addition to granting of  
exclusion certificates to children unable to attend school through  
ill-health, cases of ear disease, verminous conditions, and  
diseases of the skin are now treated,



